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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV VISIT TO MOSCOW

1. BULGARIAN PUBLIC FIRST INFORMED OF ZHIVKOV VISIT
TO MOSCOW FOR OPENING OF JUBILEE NATIONAL EXHIBIT BY
COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES IN MOSCOW. THERE WAS NO ADVANCE
PUBLICITY FOR TRIP.

2. BULGARIAN PRESS COVERAGE IS USUAL EXPANSIVE BOILER-
PALTE ABOUT ARRIVAL, PRESENTATION OF MEDALS TO SOVIET
LEADERS, DINNER GIVEN BY SOVIETS AND MEETING WITH BREZHNEV.
AT LATTER MEETING, ACCORDING TO BTA, TWO LEADERS DIS-
CUSSED PROBLEMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND WORLD
COMMUNISM, EMPHASIZING STRENGTHENING OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY
OF COMMUNISM IN THE STRUGGLE FOR CONTINUED "RELAXATION OF
INTERNATIONAL TENSION; FOR PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND
SOCIALISM".

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3. COMMENT: BREZHNEV HAS MET WITH MOST OTHER EASTERN
EUROPEAN LEADERS RECENTLY AND THIS OCCASION WAS GOOD
AS ANY FOR ANOTHER ZHIVKOV PILGRIMAGE TO MOSCOW.
NO SPECIAL REASONS FOR HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATION APPARENT
HERE ALTHOUGH CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES
PROBABLY ONE SUBJECT AND PRICE OF SOVIET OIL AND
POSSIBLE GRAIN SHORTAGE ARE LIKELY TO BE ON BULGARIAN MINDS
IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT.
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